

310 Benefit Street, Providence,  
October 18, 1883,

My Dear Watson,

I find I have not the following  
of Dr Gray's papers

13, 361

12, 159

10, 312,

and will be glad to have them. The Corporation have consulted the highest legal advice - that of Chief Justice Duffee - and find that the Herbarium etc - must be in a fire-proof building. Our only such edifice is the Library - and the only available room the one I mentioned, which is in all ways unsuitable. I have repeatedly called attention to the immediate danger to the collection & the risk to health where they are. I see no emergency. As I understand, the President is very particular that the

They should not be Linnæus, yet it is  
sure to be sooner or later, Prof. Pen-  
ton of Cornell was here last au-  
tumn and expressed his horror  
to find the collection and the speci-  
mens in such a place, But I don't know  
what can be done about it all,

A pile of drying papers, not in  
my room - but near it in the basement,  
actually decomposed this summer -  
and I can now not handle of picking  
off some of Alney's specimens, My lecture  
room is in one building, the 'herb' in  
another - and the books remote from  
either place of work, I should be glad  
if I was expected only to teach and  
could wash my hands of this thank-  
less office, or, however, which I should  
love if in a fitting place,

Truly yours ever  
Barlow